

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application with the following listing of claims:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) Tension Device for an internal combustion engine having a tension or guide rail for a flexible drive means and an additional component interacting with the internal combustion engine, the tension or guide rail comprising a carrier body and, a guide track, which can be pressed onto and is in contact with the flexible drive means, comprising and an installation channel, which acts independently from the guide track and, and which is formed as a circumferential surface and with a first open end and a second open end, and the walls of the installation channel are being formed by the carrier body, the first open end and the second open end being arranged on opposite face-side ends of the tension or guide rail and at least some sections of the additional component extending through the installation channel.
2. (Currently amended) Tension or guide rail Device for an internal combustion engine according to Claim 1, wherein the carrier body comprises at least a first and at least a second carrier-body side part, the carrier-body side parts being joined together and jointly define the installation channel.
3. (Canceled)
4. (Canceled)
5. (Currently amended) Tension or guide rail Device for an internal combustion engine according to Claim [[3]] 1, wherein the first open end, the second open end, or both the first and second open end is formed with one of a protruding connection piece and means for accepting a connection piece.
6. (Currently amended) Tension or guide rail Device for an internal combustion engine according to Claim 1, wherein the tension or guide rail comprises a slideway liner which is joined to the carrier-body and forms the guide track.

7. (Currently amended) ~~Tension or guide rail~~ Device for an internal combustion engine according to Claim 6, wherein the slideway liner is injected onto at least one carrier-body side part.

8. (Currently amended) ~~Tension or guide rail~~ Device for an internal combustion engine according to Claim 6, wherein the slideway liner is joined to the carrier-body in a positive locking manner.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Canceled)

11. (Canceled)

12. (New) Device for an internal combustion engine according to Claim 1, wherein the second open end is formed with one of a protruding connection piece and means for accepting a connection piece.